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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit the following documents for the Examiner's consideration.

(1) European Patent Application No. 0 558 811 published September 8, 1993, which is discussed in the literal translation of the instant application beginning in the first paragraph;

(2) German Patent Application No. 43 29 553 published March 9, 1995, which is discussed in the literal translation of the instant application beginning in the first paragraph;

(3) German Patent Application No. 197 46 462 published October 21, 1997, which is discussed in the literal translation of the instant application beginning in the first paragraph;

The following documents were cited in a Search Report conducted in International Patent Application No. PCT/AT2004/000356, which is a counterpart of the above-captioned application. Applicants note that a copy of the Search Report has been previously forwarded to the Examiner on April 14, 2006, therefore, a copy will not be enclosed. For the convenience of the Examiner, Applicants submit herewith a partial English language translation of the Annex to the Search Report. In particular, the International Examiner cited:

(4) Item (1). Moreover, for the Examiner's convenience, Applicants note U.S. Patent No. 5,532,830 issued July 12, 1994 to KRESS et al., which is identified by the Annex to the Search Report as a U.S. patent family member of the above-cited European Patent Application;

(5) International Publication No. WO 98/39127 published September 11, 1998. Moreover, for the Examiner's convenience, Applicants note U.S. Patent No. 6,254,319 issued July 3, 2001 to MAIER et al., which is identified by the Annex to the Search Report as a U.S. patent family member of the above-cited International Publication;

(6) U.S. Patent No. 5,551,812 issued September 3, 1996 to BASTECK;

(7) Item (3); and

(8) European Patent Application No. 0 713 747 published May 29, 1996.

Documents (1) through (3), (5), (6) and (8) are listed on the enclosed completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

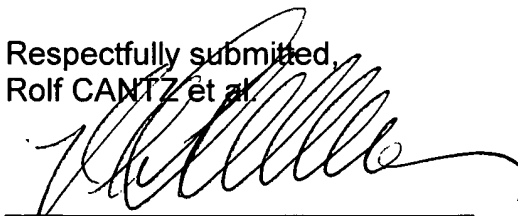
Moreover, copies of the cited non-U.S. patent documents are being submitted herewith. However, pursuant to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the cited/listed U.S. patents and U.S. published patent applications are not enclosed herewith. Moreover, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants note that while this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months from the filing date, Applicants have not received a first action on the merits from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed document is required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3).

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Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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